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## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Some Important Happenings in the South

#### THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of Newsy Events That Occurred in our Midst That Cannot Fail to Interest.

A complaint was filed in the United States District Court against Franklin W. Thornton, the missing postoffice clerk of Pasadena, accusing him of embezzlement of \$752 in government funds.

Those 150 or 200 tourists who arrived at Los Angeles from the East last week will congratulate themselves when they read the dispatches relating to the weather on the other side of the Rockies.

If the proper person shall eventually be legally hanged for the murder of the late Wong Sing Hay of Garvanza that the result will entitle our courts to more credit than they often get in murder cases. It looks as if the task might be a hard one.

Gen. Lagrange Hopeful—Senator Perkins introduced to the President Gen. A. L. Lagrange, who is an applicant for the governorship of the Soldiers' Home at Santa Monica. While the place will not be filled at once the General feels hopeful.

Hobo hunting is the latest fad in Rialto. A correspondent says: "Our Constable, accompanied by several citizens of Rialto, went out to look for hobos Wednesday night last and captured one." The game cannot be very plentiful in that vicinity.

With the Philadelphia and the Belgian King both gone, there will be a sad hiatus in San Diego society until the arrival of the next steamer of the California and Oriental line, the Carlisle City, which is expected from Yokohama on the 20th inst.

The gratitude of the average hobo was illustrated at Santa Barbara the other day, when one was given a good dinner, and during the following night showed his appreciation by returning and stealing a ham and two rolls of butter from his benefactors.

Chief Glass of Los Angeles has been officially notified of the action of the Police Commissioners in reference to enforcing the ordinances relating to saloons, and he is quoted as having expressed a firm determination to enforce the law without fear or favor. Now we shall see what we shall see.

Fresno—W. A. Nevills, the millionaire mine owner, will begin next week the erection of the largest raisin-drying establishment in the world. It will cost over \$10,000, and will be situated on the La Favorita Vineyard, about nine miles west of town. The building will be equipped with all modern conveniences.

A proposition to establish a glass factory at San Diego is being talked of again for the twentieth time. The proposal comes from Indiana, and as the proposers seem to have no money of their own for the purpose, they generously offer to let the people of San Diego in on the ground floor in the matter of furnishing capital.

Notice Served—Ex-Sheriff Hicks still continues to claim the office of Sheriff of Santa Barbara county, and has served written notice upon the County Auditor, stating that he expected to receive the January salary of Sheriff. It is not thought that this move will prevent Sheriff Stewart from receiving his salary when due.

Kern county is this year beating all previous records in its agricultural history. Wheat on a ranch near Famosa began heading up in January, something heretofore unheard of even in Kern county, which every year places the earliest grain on the market. Evidently, Kern county ranchmen are not suffering greatly from the drought.

San Diego Union: A quantity of sugar cane that came over on the Belgian King from China, consigned to Sam Wong Woo of Los Angeles, was condemned by Horticultural Commissioner Hall yesterday, the cane being infested with three varieties of scale, one which resembles the red spider, which has done considerable damage to the fruit industry in this state.

The headlights on the Los Angeles and Pasadena electric cars are rivaled only by the World's Fair searchlight on Echo mountain. The citizens of Pasadena do not object to having the company light their streets, but they do object to being blinded by lights which throw a glare from Raymond station to the Pintosca, and a protest has been filed with the City Council.

Electric Road—James H. Boyd of San Bernardino, has about perfected plans for an electric road connecting that city with Redlands. It is reported that the next meeting of the Board of

City Trustees he will make a formal application for a franchise for the proposed line on Third street from the Santa Fe station east to D street, thence north to the base line, along which it will continue to Redlands.

The San Diego Vidette amused itself by making the following smart remark: "The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce adopted a funny resolution when it thanked a railroad for reducing passenger fares FROM that town." Know, oh, most ungrateful esteemed contemporary, that Los Angeles came to the conclusion that people should be persuaded to go to San Diego, even if special inducements had to be offered.

Was there ever a naval officer who did not insist that his ship required docking and repairs just before starting on any important mission? When the United States cruiser Philadelphia flagship of the Pacific squadron, arrived at San Diego recently, Admiral Kautz on board, he promptly pronounced the ship unable to proceed to Samoa without scraping and overhauling. The first thought of every naval officer is to have his ship in condition to fight with every knot of speed and every gun.

It is a very, very mistaken idea to prate about the liberty of the press in California, and to declare that it is not liberty which has been granted to it, but rather license, asserts the Sacramento Bee. Any lawyer who has ever studied the subject of libel in California knows that the statutes already give the worst of it to the newspapers all the way through, and that even in a case where a notorious scamp is the plaintiff the newspaper frequently finds it difficult to escape being mulcted.

Randsburg is now as well fixed in regard to mail as could be expected. They have now two mails every day in the week, the mail for Sunday evening coming now as well as other days. The stage arriving from Mojave brings the bulk of mail, reaching there about 5 o'clock. The railroad arriving at 6:50 also brings mail, reaching Randsburg about 7:30. The general delivery is not opened Sunday evenings, but the mail is distributed, and all who have boxes can get their mail the same as other evenings.

The deadly barbed wire, which has heretofore generally confined its cruelty to laceration of the flesh, has found another method of torture, as Matt Phelan, sexton of the San Joaquin cemetery, can testify. Matt had a mail box on the wire fence along the cemetery. When he went to get his mail, Friday night, he put his hand on the wire. The next minute Matt was turning a double back somersault, and then he lay unconscious on the ground. An electric light wire had come in contact with the fence, Matt's dog touched the wire slightly at the same time and went howling home. This brought help and Matt finally recovered.

Pensions were granted to Californians as follows: Original, James Barney, San Francisco, \$6; William N. Mix, Vacaville, \$8; William H. Pearson, Nelly, \$10; James M. Owens, Ventura, \$10; Increase, John Nelson, Goltville, \$8 to \$12; Martin Louhy, San Diego, \$8 to \$12; Michael Flinn, Soldiers' Home, Los Angeles, \$6 to \$8; Reissue and increase, Samuel A. Philbrick, Sacramento, \$6 to \$12. Original, John C. Drum, Los Angeles, \$8; Edward P. Wells, Pasadena, \$10; George S. Hurd, San Diego, \$8; Daniel McGrath, San Francisco, \$8. Increase—Manuel F. Sidelinger, Grass Valley, \$8 to \$10. Original widows, Barbara E. Tedlock, Colusa, \$10.

D. L. Smith is the Justice of the Peace at Newland, Stanislaus county, Cal. Judge Smith believes in extending substantial support to the local paper while at the same time he helps himself. The following, which appeared in the Index, shows how he kills two birds with one "ad": "If a man's in love, that's his business; if a girl's in love, that's her business; if they contemplate matrimony, that's my business. D. L. Smith, Justice of the Peace, Newland, Cal. Right reserved to kiss the bride. Orders by telephone, telegraph, mail or messenger promptly attended. Terms liberal; time if desired, or will take stove wood, baled hay, dairy calves, second-hand milk cans or most any old thing in part payment."

#### GEN. SHAFTER ACCEPTS.

He and Two Aides Will Attend the Annual Banquet.

Gen. William R. Shafter will attend the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce banquet, to be given on Washington's birthday, as is shown by the following letter, received by the Committee on Invitation.

"Headquarters Department California, San Francisco, Jan. 26, 1899.—Mr. M. J. Newman—Dear Sir: It will afford me a great deal of pleasure to accept your kind invitation to be present on the occasion of the banquet on Washington's birthday. I will be accompanied by my aides, Capt. Edward H. Plummer and Capt. William H. McKittick.

I am very sincerely yours,  
"WILLIAM R. SHAFTER."

## PACIFIC COAST NEWS

### Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

#### ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

Stockton has a distinction which entitles it to be called wild, if not woolly. A mountain lion was caught in a trap in that city on Sunday night.

San Francisco—John Russell, a carpet beater, was found dead today in a room on Fourteenth street. He had smothered himself by stuffing a pillow partly down his throat. He was a sufferer from asthma.

Alameda—The mystery of the amputated arm found Sunday in an empty boxcar at West Alameda, has been solved. The arm has been claimed by Edward Williams, a medical student, who says he purchased it for the purpose of dissection.

San Francisco—Fred Hess, Jr., who sued the San Francisco Typographical Union, to recover \$25,000 damages for having been forced out of employment by the Union, he being a non-union man, has been awarded \$1200 by a jury in the Superior Court.

Harbor Improvements—The Senate bill providing for the issuing of \$1,000,000 bonds for San Francisco harbor improvements, in blocks of \$200,000 must be ratified by the people before it goes into effect. The bonds are not guaranteed by the state, but are redeemable in receipts, tolls and rentals of the water front.

Settle Their Differences—The California Winemakers' Corporation and the Associate Wine Dealers will co-operate in future. The latter controls about 85 per cent of the California wine trade in the United States. Dealers, manufacturers and growers will now get a fair division of profits and prices will be maintained.

It is apparently about time for the Common Council of Santa Rosa to pass an ordinance putting a stop to the distribution of sample packages of patent medicines in that town. Two little girls, at different times, have been poisoned and made seriously ill by eating such nostrums found on the doorsteps of their homes.

Seattle, Wash.—A Thompson, agent here of the Coast Seaman's Union, said: "Unless the Shipowners' Association gives up trying to put scab seamen on coasting vessels, a general strike will be ordered and every sailing vessel on the coast tied up as soon as she gets into port. The union men will not accept less than \$40 per month."

San Francisco—The internal revenue receipts at the San Francisco office for the month of January, 1899, amounted to \$249,708, almost double the sum received during the same month last year, the war tax causing most of the increase. The customs receipts for the port of San Francisco during January amounted to \$541,212 as against \$499,268 for the preceding month.

San Francisco—The Examiner says that Tod Sloan has received a telegram from New York stating that he has cleaned up \$250,000 as the result of speculation in Wall street. It is said that before coming west Tod left several thousand dollars with L. B. Bell, a Wall street operator, with general instructions to invest it as he thought best. No details of how the money was used have been received.

Irrigation Items—Senator Perkins and George H. Maxwell, representative of the Irrigation Congress, have secured an increase from 20,000 to \$35,000 appropriation for investigation of the subject of storage reservoirs. It is desired that much of this be expended in California, as there are now about 12,000,000 acres of land which is now public domain, and which, with proper conservation of water, would be productive land.

Seattle, Wash.—All records of ice travel on the Yukon have been broken by the recent feat of the mounted police of the Northwest Territory in bringing a big shipment to mail from Dawson to Skaguay in nine days and ten hours. The mail left Dawson on the morning of January 15 and was in Skaguay before noon last Tuesday. The record was made by the Canadian officials, it is said, to show that they could greatly reduce the time being made by the United States mail contractors.

#### INNOCENT BYSTANDER SUFFERS.

The Crime for Which Henry Wilson Is in Danger of Being Lynched.

Wickenburg, Ariz.—Henry Wilson, a constable, is in custody, held by a

Coroner's Jury for the willful murder of James Davenport. Wilson is under heavy guard, for threats of lynching are being made.

Wilson was visited by A. B. Kellogg, who sought settlement of a debt owed him by Wilson.

After an altercation, Wilson shot at Kellogg with a double-barreled shotgun. Kellogg was not hurt, but Davenport, a bystander, was killed. Kellogg and his brother secured weapons and captured Wilson after a pistol fight, during which Wilson's car was shot off.

#### DANGER FROM AMERICA.

Germany Fears the Sugar Trust's Progress in California.

Berlin—During the discussion of the sugar question in the lower house of the Prussian Diet, Baron Erffa, referring to the opinion of the Secretary of the Imperial Treasury, Baron Von Thielmann, that there is no danger to the German sugar industry from America in the near future, said the manufacturers of Saxony took a quite different view from those who pooh-poohed the danger and underrated the colossal financial resources and enterprise of "The American Sugar Trust," which, in California, was making great progress in sugar production. The only thing to help German manufacturers, in the opinion of the speaker, was to lighten the excise duty on sugar and thus promote home consumption.

Baron von Hammerstein-Lexlen, the Minister of Agriculture, in reply, said he fully agreed with the statement that the serious danger existed from America. Moreover, he remarked, the export of sugar from Cuba would greatly increase during the next few years, now that energetic and intelligent American capitalists had taken the matter in hand.

The danger arising from the production of beet sugar in America, he further said, was continually increasing and it was true that the export of German sugar to America was 2,400,000 double hundred weight below the exports of Great Britain. Nevertheless, it constituted a considerable portion of the production, and the only remedy was an increase of the home consumption. It had already been found that use of sugar in the army increased the marching capabilities of the soldiers. It was also excellent in fattening pigs.

#### FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

London—The St. James Gazette says the French government is negotiating with French and British financiers for a loan of 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 pounds to be devoted to army and navy purposes.

A New Magazine—It is reported that Lady Randolph Churchill is about to start a magazine, which will be sumptuously bound and sold for a guinea per copy. Her son will assist her and the contributors will include Emperor William and other royal personages.

Montreal—Sir William McDonald, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer, has given to McGill University \$181,250 to complete the endowment of the McDonald Building of Chemistry and Mining. This brings the amount given to the college by Sir William up to \$2,650,000.

The Chinese Empress—Word comes from Peking that the Dowager Empress has selected the successor of the present emperor, but the identity of the person is not divulged. The emperor is still strictly guarded in the island palace. It is said the empress ignores the Grand Council and the Tsung Li Yamen.

New York—A dispatch to the Herald from Buenos Ayres says: "A group of Uruguayans, headed by Colonel Tozanos, Mayor of Isumendi, proceeding from Argentina, have disembarked at Colonia. A police force attempted to oppose the invaders but without success. At various points in the republic have occurred uprisings and the rebels are well provided with arms and ammunition."

Colon, (Colombia)—The strike of the dockmen and railway employees is assuming alarming proportions. The railway laborers at Matchin and Emperor stations have joined the strikers. A contingent of Greeks and other laborers from the railway line enables work to progress slowly at Colon, but a dead calm prevails at Panama, where over a thousand tons of freight lie untouched, exclusive of the cargoes, which the ships are unable to land.

London—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs that he has consulted with a high French authority regarding the Panama company's negotiations to induce the United States government to acquire its canal. The authority in question said: "I regard the negotiations as a mere game of bluff between the Panama company and the Washington authorities. The company is really anxious to effect a virtual sale, while Congress is not serious in the Nicaragua affair, because all the evidence proves the advantages of the Panama route."

## MINES AND MINING.

### LATE ARRIVALS FROM DAWSON.

Temperature There Now Is Fifty-nine Degrees Below.

Victoria, (B. C.)—The steamer Dirigo arrived here from Skaguay with late arrivals from Dawson. They report the temperature at 59 degrees below zero when they left the Klondyke capital. W. C. Watrous, one of the proprietors of the Klondyke Nugget, says wages are not so high this year as last, but a good deal of work is being done, especially on Hunter, Dominion and Sulphur creeks. William Fox, another passenger from Dawson, is authority for the statement that the output next year will be no greater than this, although men are working in new territory. Men are being paid \$5 a day and board, although Anderson, on the El Dorado, still pays \$1.50 per hour. Hunter and Dominion creeks promise well.

News of another attempted suicide has been received. Helen Horden, in charge of the operahouse, tried to end her life with chloroform, but was saved by prompt medical attendance. She has a family at Denver, Colo.

New York—The Bank of North America has engaged for import \$375,000 in gold to be shipped this week. The steamship Saale, sailing for Europe, will take 100,000 ounces of silver.

Ramona—The mines in and around Julian are having quite a boom. This place will in the near future be one of the best mining camps in Southern California. Peter Joyce of Stonewall was over last week and reports some rich prospects he has discovered somewhere in that district.

Denver—The deposits of gold at the branch mint for the month of January reached \$1,691,170, over a quarter of a million more than in January, 1898. This in spite of the fact that the rough weather has interfered with the operations of many of the mills in the state.

Auburn, Cal.—The new power plant at the Pioneer quartz mine is running satisfactorily, there being plenty of water to generate power for the motors. All the machinery is now running by electricity and giving good satisfaction. The motors are driving air compressors and running them much better than formerly by steam.

Redlands Chtograph: Col. George W. Swezey reports that the Virginia Dale district is getting in better condition, that the mines are showing up well and that every man in the district is busy. The last stage brought in \$4000 worth of gold. The output of the mines is about \$1000 per week. The ore presented at the mills averages about \$24 per ton. In the Leota mine, in which Colonel Swezey is interested, the ledge, which was lost some time ago, has been located, and is being followed satisfactorily, a large body of ore being accumulated on the dump.

Millions in Sight—Excitement still runs high in Denver and Cripple Creek over the Isabella gold strike. The stock has advanced in price over \$3,000,000 since the first of the year. Most of this goes to Nelson B. Williams and his backers of Chicago, who are keeping their stock. Best results are found at the \$50-foot level. Of the bonanza ore there are from 3 to 5 millions in sight, while the \$5 per cent ore will reach nearly \$6,000,000. The manager says he will swear to metallic gold in the pile that runs 175 feet through three levels, three feet wide and twenty feet long.

San Diego—It is stated that Dr. F. G. Powers, who has been acting as care taker for the Cedros Indian mines and property for the past three years, will institute proceedings against the owners, the Esperanza and Cedros Island Mining Company, for wages alleged to be due. The company is composed of Chicago capitalists, and is said to owe Powers \$3000. He is now at Ensenada, and proposes to fight the case, as it has been reported that a sale of the mines is pending, the consummation of which would probably deprive him of his wages. Harry A. Howard is also said to have a claim of something like \$1500 against the owners, and he is liable to take it into the courts.

Randsburg Miner: C. A. Burcham has purchased the Golden Rule mine of Fred Johnson and his partners and will soon begin operations on the property. There is already a large amount of ore in sight and it is confidently expected this mine will be a big producer. The Johannesburg Milling and Water Company is sinking a new well a quarter of a mile east of their present wells. This will be a shaft 4x6 feet, with drifts at the bottom. It is now down 120 feet and indications for striking water soon are very flattering. Messrs. Carter and Mansfield are frequent visitors in town from their camp at Copper City, where they are perfecting a large work. They now have a big force of men employed on their copper properties, of which there are 130 different claims, and they soon expect to put up reduction works to work their ores.